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By MILES PLATTING

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Last night a Kremlin source said: "The fake news would not have been issued without the OK from the highest levels – and by that, I mean President Putin."



Israelis kill Hamas boss in air strike

HAMAS leader Marwan Issa died in an Israeli air strike, the White House has

White House has announced.

Mr Issa is Hamas's most senior leader to die since the war began on October 7.

The Palestinian group, which controls Gaza, has not officially commented on reports of his death.

Israeli media sources have reported that Mr

have reported that Mr Issa was killed in a strike on a tunnel under the Nuseirat

Gaza last week.
The deputy
commander of Hamas's
military wing was
considered one of Israel's most-wanted

men.
The European Union,
which placed the
Hamas leader on its terrorist blacklist, linked him directly to the October 7 terror attack led by the group which killed approximately 1,200 people.

Unilever axe 7,500 staff

CONSUMER goods giant Unilever has announced plans to cut around 7,500 jobs globally as part of an overhaul aimed at saving £680 million over the

next three years.

The Marmite to Dove soap firm also revealed it would spin off its ice cream business – which includes the Ben & Jerry's, Wall's and Magnum brands - under

e shake-up. It said the jobs affected by the restructure would by the restructure would be largely office-based as it looks to invest in technology to boost productivity and save money.



Former President hints he'll act over Duke's drug use



DONALD Trump has suggested Prince Harry may be deported from the US under his leadership if the royal falsified information on

his visa form.
The former president, 77. spoke with TV presenter Nigel Farage on GB News, where Trump suggested the Duke of Sussex would not receive 'special privileges' if he lied about his drug use in his visa application.

Prince Harry, who has lived in America since

2020, lives in a mansion with his wife Meghan
Markle their two children
Archie and Lilibet.

In his autobiography Spare he revealed that he previously took drugs. In US law, it would normally be grounds for a visa to be rejected.
Farage asked Trump if Harry should enjoy 'special privilaries'

'special privileges' should it come to light he did not tell the truth.

"We'll have to see if they know something about the drugs, and if he lied they'll have to take appropriate action,

Trump responded.
"Appropriate action?
Which might mean...not staying in America?"

Farage asked.

"Oh I don't know.
You'll have to tell me. You just have to tell me. You would have me. You would have thought they would have known this a long time ago," Trump replied. Previously, Trump has

said he 'wouldn't protect' Harry because he had 'betrayed the





Jacob: Poor polls not all Rishi's fault

RISHI Sunak cannot be held "personally responsible" for the Tories' dire poll ratings, and the party must now stick with him as leader until the

must now stick with him as leader until the election, former Cabinet minister Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg said. The Prime Minister has faced speculation about a Tory revolt against his leadership, with plotters lining up Penny Mordaunt as a potential replacement.

But Sir Jacob said it was "inconceivable" for Commons Leader Ms Mordaunt to take the job, and the Tories "need to just get on with it" with Sunak. Labour has a poll lead of around 20, fuelling Tory unease in a general election year. But Sir Jacob said: "In defence of Rishi Sunak, it is hard for a leader at this stage... to be significantly more popular than his party. "The Party's popularity fell before Rishi Sunak's did, so I don't think we can hold him responsible."

Former defence secretary Ben Wallace said Tory candidates at the election just had to "march towards the sound of the guns".

Pothole crisis across England

ROADS in England are at "breaking point" due to potholes, with repairs at an eight-year high, according to a report

The Asphalt Industry Alliance (AIA) said councils were expected to fix two million potholes in the current year.

That is up 43% and the

highest annual total since

2015-16.
Ministers highlighted their pledge to provide £8.3bn of extra funding over 11 years for road improvements in England.

The AIA's annual report found that 47% of local round that 47% of local roads were in a good condition, with 36% adequate and 17% poor. The survey also found that average highway maintenance budgets

increased by 2.3% in 2023-24 compared with the previous 12 months.

Hate cops told to target comics and actors



COPS in Scotland have been ordered to arrest actors and COMEDIANS under Scotland's barmy new hate crime laws.

Material regarded as "threatening and abusive" under the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) can be communicated "through public performance of a

play." The Scottish Tories said this

The Scottish Tories said this appeared to be at odds with the legislation — which gives leeway for plays — and called for the force to explain.

The new hate crime law consolidates some existing legislation and creates a new offence of stirring up hatred against protected characteristics, including age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, and transgender identity.

identity. Police Scotland has promised

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that it will investigate every hate crime complaint reported,

despite the force adopting a "proportionate response approach to other crimes."

The slide from the training module deals with "how might threatening and or abusive material be communicated."

Leaflets

It reads: "The different ways in which a person may communicate material to another person are by: communicate material to another person are by: displaying, publishing or distributing the material, for example on a sign, on the internet through websites,

internet through websites, blogs, podcasts, social media etc, either directly. "Or by forwarding or repeating material that originates from a third party, through printed media such as



publications magazine leaflets."

leaflets." problems of the leaflets." It then goes on to say "giving, sending, showing or playing the material to another person" listing examples of "through online streaming, by email, playing a video, through public performance of a play."

A source said: "The law would also affect comedians. You can imagine someone taking offence at a Billy Connolly routine, or a show by

Frankie Boyle from back when

Frankie Boyle from back when he was funny.

"The cops are going to be overwhelmed."

The hate crime laws fell further into disrepute when Police Scotland's ludicrous Hate Monster campaign was launched, to widespread ridicule ridicule.

Meanwhile, it's been reported that the Assistant Chief Constable responsible for overseeing the implementation of the controversial legislation has retired after just a year in

has retired after just a year in the post.
David Duncan was made ACC and put in charge of Policing Together, Police Scotland's equality, diversity and inclusion strategy, in January last year.
The force said a recruitment process for a replacement would start this month, with the Policing Together portfolio

the Policing Together portfolio "being looked after by another chief officer in the interim."

TODAY'S WEATHER

FRIDAY starts mild again but very wet for most of the UK, clearing here and there by the mid-afternoon.

Temperatures of 13C in London, and in Cardiff, 11C in Manchester, and in Belfast, and 6C in Edinburgh. Thursday starts Thursday starts
overcast all over the
UK, with early showers in
the far north of Scotland.
That rain will drift slowly

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south during the day, to soak the north west of England later on.

Temperatures of 15C in London, 13C in Cardiff and in Manchester, 12C in Belfast and 100

OUTLOOK: Mixed.

£60billion new wires needed for green bollocks



THE UK's electricity network needs £60 BILLION of upgrades to hit government decarbonisation targets by 2035, according to a

new plan.
About 4,000 miles of undersea cables and 1,000 miles of onshore power lines are needed, said the National Grid's

Electricity Systems
Operator (ESO).
The investment would
add between £20 to £30 a
year to customer bills, it
said. The government
said the ESO's plans were
yet to pass a "robust

planning process".

The plans were written up by the ESO, the organisation which runs

the electricity network. It is currently owned by National Grid but will

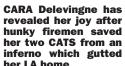
ransfer into government ownership later this year. Its latest £58bn estimate is for work needed between 2030 and 2035 and comes on top of a £54bn estimate for work taking place between now and 2030.











her LA home.

The Brit supermodel's £5.5m mansion went up in flames last week, with her parents claiming an electrical fault sparked the blaze

electrical fault sparked the blaze. The 31-year-old wasn't at home at the time of the fire, but her two cats were, and the kitties had to be rescued

the kitties had to be rescued by emergency crews. Cara posted pics on Insta showing the pussies being carried out of the burning building by firefighters. "They are alive!" she wrote alongside a snap of her two cats. "Thank you to the firefighters – thank you from the bottom of my heart to all the firefighters and



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people that have showed up

people that have showed up to help.
"My heart is broken today... I cannot believe it. Life can change in the blink of an eye, so cherish what you have."
While the catwalk queen and Hollywood actress was in the UK at the time of the incident, at least one person

in the UK at the time of the incident, at least one person was reportedly injured after the fire broke out at the Studio City address.

Fighters took two hours to quell the flames, with a total of 94 people from 13 different engine companies showing up to put out the fire, which destroyed much of Cara's house.

Four ambulances were called and one fireman was injured as he climbed up a ladder to put out the blaze.





Louis: Sir Bob is full of sh*t!

CELEBRITY Big Bro contestant Louis Walsh is having a go at BOB GELDOF now.

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Just days after c**ting-off pop weirdo twins Jedward, the former X Factor judge has turned his guns on charity fundraiser Sir Bob, 72 (above).
As the contestants gathered in the CBB kitchen in the morning, they were talking about certain songs that had been released over the years.
Speaking about one in particular, Corrie's Colson Smith, 25, asked: "Who wrote it? Bob Geldof?" to which an unimpressed Louis replied with a, "Pfft!"
Trying to coax the answer out of the 71-year-old music manager, Marisha, 38, then asked: "Who did write it... Prince?"
Then Zeze said: "I take it you're not a Bob Geldof fan, Louis?"
To which he replied: "I think he's full of shit... I don't give a f**k!"



Sex scenes will up film ratings

SEX scenes previously acceptable in films with a 12 or 12A rating are now more likely to be rated 15 under updated guidelines. People have become more concerned about how much sex and nudity can be seen by users by the sex and sex property and and sex prop

can be seen by viewers aged under 15, the British Board of Film Classification said.

Under BBFC research, viewers now want "a more cautious approach" to sex scenes that are on the border of a 12/12A and a 15.





Aaron will sign up to play Bond

AARON Taylor-Johnson "has been formally

"has been formally offered the opportunity to play James Bond", putting an end to months of speculation regarding Daniel Craig's successor.

The actor, 33 (above), is yet to officially accept the role, but should he do so he will become the seventh actor to play the iconic British secret agent since the franchise launched in 1962.

A recent poll

A recent poll suggested Idris Elba was still the public's top choice for the role, was still the public stop choice for the role, despite being 51 – old for a Bond candidate – and already ruling himself out of the running in order to focus on his popular crime drama Luther.

But Aaron, who is known for his roles in Nocturnal Animals, Kick-Ass, Nowhere Boy and Avengers: Age of Ultron, has landed the coveted part, according to reports.

A source said: "Bond is Aaron's job, should he wish to accept it. The formal offer is on the table and they are writting to he are he are remotived to he are he are remotived to he are the same and they are writting to he are he are remotived to he are the same and they are writting to he are he are remotived to he are the same and they are remotived to he are the area of the same and they are writting to he are the area of the same and they are writting to he are the area of the same and they are writting to he are the same ar

the table and they are

waiting to hear back.
"He is going to sign
his contract in the
coming days and Eon can start preparing for the big announcement."

100s more chemists set to shut

HUNDREDS of community pharmacies have closed in the last five years, which has heaped more pressure on overstretched GPs, pharmacists have

warned. The Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies said more than 400 community pharmacies across England closed between

2019 and 2023.

And it warned of a "tsunami of further pharmacy closures across the country" due to increasing pressures in the system. The association also

The association also called on the Government to "properly fund" its flagship Pharmacy First initiative – where patients with seven common conditions are encouraged to seek help from a pharmacist instead of their GP.

These conditions are sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected insect bite, the bacterial skin infection impetigo, shingles, and uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women. But the association

claims the community pharmacy sector is already facing a £1.2bn shortfall in funding.



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The British embassy in Moscow was on Monday forced to give an official statement confirming King Charles III is still alive after Russian media claimed he had died

A host of Russian news sites and their associated social media accounts reported earlier today that the King had died aged 75 as a result of cancer complications, citing

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unnamed 'media' sources in an inexplicable stream of posts.

It came as an image of a clearly fake statement supposedly from Buckingham Palace' reporting Charles 'unexpected death' was circulated on social media.

'King Charles III of Great Britain has died at the age of 75, according to media reports, Russian newswire Sputnik reported.

'There is no information about this on the royal family website or in the British media.' Minutes later their

in Windsor has only thrown fuel on the fire.

Last night a source said: "Prince

stories were updated after they were forced to climb down following reports the King was in fact not dead. The British embassy in Moscow then furiously posted on Twitter: Reports of the death of King Charles III of Great Britain are fake!

Approval

The British Embassy in Kyiv followed soon after with a statement that read: We would like to inform you that the news about the death of King Charles III is fake.

Last night a source in the Kremlin said: "There is no way that Russian media would have reported falsely that King Charles had died without

seeking the approval from inside the Kremlin.
"And by that I mean the highest level of the Kremlin, the President himself."

himself."
It's believed that Putin may have been aiming at destabilising the western allies after his "victory" in Russia's rigged elections.
The tyrant won another six years in power following the discredited poll at the weekend.

Spreading lies about foreign

Spreading lies about foreign leaders is straight from the playbook of the Soviet Union's feared KGB – where Putin spent many years working as an officer in Leningrad, now St Petersburg.

that the woman in the footage was most definitely NOT Kate.

Shake-up at Palace as conspiracy theories swirl







Randy Miss had sex with sixth former

A HIGH school maths teacher, 39, has been charged with having sex with a student. Jelinda Dawn Keeling has been charged with a teacher having unlawful sexual relations with a student 16 or older. The student is 18 or 19, court records show. Police in El Dorado, Kansas, said Keeling was arrested after they got a report the day before of a teacher "having a sexual"

got a report the day before of a teacher "having a sexual relationship with a student."

Keeling has been with the district for nearly 14 years and teaches algebra and geometry.

Local schools boss Jenifer Davis sent out an email to families, saying that they were notified a teacher had been arrested.

"Nothing matters more to the school district than making school a safe and caring place for every student, every day."

Davis said in the email.
"This teacher had been removed from campus and placed on administrative leave."



Angry Spaniards tell Brit tourists to f**k off home

BRITISH holidaymakers have sparked a backlash in a Spanish tourist hotspot as Costa del Sol locals have pinned stickers on buildings telling visitors to "go f**king home".

The incendiary message was pictured on a building in Malaga.
Other anti-tourism protests have been held in Barcelona, Seville, Tenerife and Majorca.
Locals across Spain blame tourists for pushing up rental prices, causing noise pollution and litter.
Left-wing PSOE politician Dani Perez said: "You walk the streets of Malaga and it is practically impossible to

Malaga and it is practically impossible to find a residential building that does not have a lock and password."

He also accused the local mayor of "not lifting a finger for the people of Malaga".



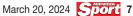














SABRINA



Teacher charged after sex with teen pupil

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A SEX-CRAZED school miss sucked off and shagged a teen pupil after buying him a **HOODIE!**

Lauren King was arrested in Fort Myers, Florida, after police got reports she was having a sexual relationship with a

13-year-old student.

King contacted the boy for months after asking for his

months after asking for his phone number.

At one point, the boy mentioned he wanted a new hoodie, and King said she would buy it for him. King then told him to meether at an apartment complex where one of

complex where one of his relatives lived. She performed oral sex and had sexual intercourse with the boy

in the roar. King even bribed the victim to keep him quiet and told him she loved him.

She allegedly sent him \$50 (£40) after he left, along with an additional \$150 (£120), in the guise of it being a birthday gift.

Jealous

The boy then tried to stop contact. However, King was reportedly persistent.

King even attempted to make the boy jealous and told him she was engaging in sexual activities with other students.

The victim told police he had other encounters with King in Fort Myers.

King also gave the boy Beats headphones, an iPhone 13, a Dell computer and sent him money for food and gifts for his birthday.

The boy's mentor told his mother about the incidents, and she called the cops.

King is facing charges of lewd or lascivious battery and lewd or lascivious molestation.



Being woke's a real downer

BEING woke makes you miserable – and that's official.

Psychological researchers in Finland have discovered that the more "woke" ideas you have, the more gloomy and depressed you're likely to be.

Study author Oskari Lahtinen, a senior researcher at the INVEST Research Flagship Centre at the University of Turku, questioned 851 people on their attitudes to "woke" statements and asked how happy they were. Researchers found a

high prevalence of anxiety and depression in people who thought that men could be women and that everything was the fault

of racism.

More broadly, they found that those who identified as left-wing were most likely to report lower mental well-being.











Liz relied on son for sex scene

HOLLYWOOD star Elizabeth Hurley relied on her son to capture her best angles while filming racy sex scenes in her latest movie

in her latest movie Strictly Confidential. Hurley, 58, admitted she felt "safe and looked after" with her 21-year-old son Damian guiding her through the scenes. Damian made his directorial debut with the erotic thriller, which focuses on a

the erotic thriller, which focuses on a haunted young woman who becomes fixated on the death of her best friend.

"I was 20 when we wrote it." Damian (above) said. "We went out to the Caribbean and we made it in 18 days – it was terrifying." Mum Liz added: "He always said, 'If I ever get to make a real film, will you be in it?' And I said, 'Absolutely... your first film, I will definitely be in it."

your first film, I will definitely be in it'." The hot-and-heavy trailer released last month features Hurley kissing her co-star Pear Chiravara during

Pear Chiravara during a steamy sex scene. Damian, who has been known to capture his mum's bikini pics for social media, admitted seeing her body is "not that big of a deal".

Cops called as Brit gets BJ on beach

A LUCKY lad got sucked off on a public beach in Lanzarote in front of astonished tourists.

Footage taken from a restaurant overlooking the sand showed the unidentified man, believed unidentified man, believed to be a tourist, pulling his orange shorts down before pushing his female companion's head back and forth as she crouched down in front of him.

He looked to his left and right during the act but made no attempt to interrupt her, despite the hordes of holidaymakers walking in front of the person taking the video.

person taking the video. The extraordinary incident happened at Las Cucharas, a white sandy beach in the resort of Costa Teguise whose amenities including diving, scuba diving and windsurfing.

Police are believed to

have been called but the couple had vanished by the time they arrived. One islander said:

One islander said:
"They are definitely tourists and from the time of the year it is I'd say they're Brits because right now almost all the holidaymakers in Lanzarote are from the UK."





HELD: Ronda Heil (below)

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THREE people have been held in connection with the grisly death of a man whose burned

body was found in a fire pit.
Cops were alerted by a text about a possible homicide in Springfield

a possible homicide in Springfield Township, near Troy in Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

The bones of Michael Pruitt, 40, were found in a pit at the property. Blood droplets were also found in the bottom portion of a kitchen wall, with a fresh coat of paint over it.

Terry Parker, 47, of Harrisburg, and Ronda Parker, 48, of Springfield Township, have been charged with homicide, abuse of a corpse and evidence tampering.

Summer Heil, 36, of Harrisburg, was charged with evidence tampering and abuse of a corpse, but not charged with homicide.

with homicide.

According to court documents,
Pruitt was the boyfriend of Ronda

Parker.

Pruitt had been staying at Ronda's residence for several days, according to police. Terry lured Pruitt into the residence by pretending to be Ronda and shot him in the kitchen, police have claimed.

Pruitt then entered the bedroom and tried to hide behind Ronda, saying: "He shot me, he shot me!"

The victim was then shot again and fell to the floor gurgling, "presumably unconscious," before being shot twice again, troopers said.

Terry then advised Ronda to clean

again, troopers said.

Terry then advised Ronda to clean
up the "blatantly obvious" evidence.

With Pruitt's body in the boot of
the vehicle, they drove to Terry's

residence in Harrisburg. While in Harrisburg, they reportedly went to get ice cream with the kids while Pruitt's body remained in the vehicle.

They, along with Heil – Terry's girlfriend – arrived back at Ronda's residence in Springfield Township.

According to Ronda, she was inside the residence cleaning the bedroom, while Terry and Heil dismembered Pruitt's body and placed his remains

in bags. The remains were then burned in a fire pit at the residence. When cops arrived at the scene, they could still see the fire pit burning from the roadway and described it as "smouldering".

According to an interview with Heil, Terry was an gry at Pruitt for allegedly

Terry was angry at Pruitt for allegedly masturbating in front of his young daughters. Heil also admitted to stabbing Pruit in the chest and head "because she was high on meth and was angry about what he did".

in the Bradford County Prison.

Post office needs penguin counter

THE UK Antarctic Heritage Trust is looking to hire five people for a five-month stint at the world's southernmost post office in Antarctica – including someone to sort mail and count the number of

penguins in the area.

"Working at Port
Lockroy in Antarctica is a job like no other," the
UKAHT said in a post on

their Instagram page. The UKAHT is seeking to hire a base leader, a shop manager and three general assistants - all living at the "remote but hectic" location.

Port Lockroy is located on Goudier Island which sees around 18,000 cruise ship visitors a year – making it one of the most visited sites in Antarctica.

WIFE, 82, IS STABBED TO

A RETIRED maintenance worker who was weary of caring for his 82-year-old ailing wife stands accused of fatally stabbing her 40 times with a

accused of fatally stabbing ner 10 kitchen knife.

Anthony Heaton, 74 (below), is also said to have strangled his wife of 40 years, Mary, in what cops claim was supposed to be a murder-suicide – until the suspect lost his nerve and failed to finish the plan at their home in Wanagh, New York state.

Anthony allegedly called one of the couple's three adult children after he killed their mum to say what he had done, and the son, who was on a bike ride,

what he had done, and the son, who was on a bike ride, collapsed, which prompted emergency services to be notified of the incident.

When police got to the elderly couple's home, Anthony greeted them at the door and confessed in a "very surreal" scene, said Stephen Fitzpatrick, commanding homicide officer with the Nassau County Police Department.





Copper faces prison over piss-licking

a COF has pleaded guilty to forcing a detainee to lick pee off the floor of his jail cell. Michael Green, 26 (above), resigned from the Pearl Police

the Pearl Police
Department in
Mississippi, four days
after CCTV caught him
forcing the man to
commit what officials
called a "disturbing" act.
Green, who pleaded
guilty to a charge of
deprivation of civil
rights, had only been
on the force for six
months when he
carried out the abuse
of power.

of power. The unnamed The unnamed victim knocked on a door and tried to tell Green that he needed to use the toilet, but ultimately urinated in the corner of the cell after his request was ignored for some time. Green then forced the jailbird to lick it up. Green remains free on bail until his May 24 sentencing, but faces up to one year in prison and a £9,000 fine.

PEPPERPERONI

THE Belgium Brewing Co. based in Fort Collins, Colorado, has created a 7% beer which tastes of PIZZA, after teaming up with frozen pizza brand Tombstone.













NATASHA MARLEY, 32D, FROM ALDERSHOT,

HANTS















Killed mum 'alive' when decapitated

A MUM murdered and dismembered by her husband may have been ALIVE when she

husband may have been ALIVE when she was decapitated.
Meil Li Haskell (above), the 37-year-old wife of Sam Haskell IV, the Hollywood exec's son charged with murdering her and her still-missing parents, was decapitated with a "single sharp force" at the base of her neck, according to the autopsy report.

An unspecified "sharp powered tool" appears to have been used to remove her head and arms as the bone at the amputation sites was "remarkably smooth," the Los Angeles County Medical Examiners' report noted.
"There was no

Medical Examiners' report noted.
"There was no definitive indication the dismemberment occurred antemortem, however, the possibility that the head and neck removal was initiated prior to death cannot be entirely excluded," the coroner wrote.

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Mei Li's death was
ruled a homicide with
the likely cause of
death being blunt force
trauma to the head/
neck, possible gunshot
wounds to the head, or
a sharp force injury.
Hubby Haskell has
been charged with

been charged with three counts of first degree murder.

Camp ban after plop tsunami

COUNCIL bosses have banned overnight camping at a beach because of a tsunami of HUMAN SHIT!

The California Coastal Commission announced

that overnight camping and campfires will be banned at San Carpoforo Beach for the next

two years.
San Carpoforo – or
"San Carpo" – is located
about a four-hour drive
south of San Francisco.

The commission detailed the deteriorating quality of the beach in a staff report recently made available.
"The beach has no

"The beach has no restrooms, very limited parking, no potable water, and no trash containers or collection," the commission wrote in the staff report.

An insider also pointed to the massive stools

to the massive stools hazard, explaining that the lack of lavvies has led to a "tsunami of

human poo".

The area is home to a number of endangered animals – such as the western snowy plover, which have been seriously harmed by the beach's deteriorating conditions.



GUY Ritchie is back with another crime caper in The Gentlemen, which is available to watch now on Netflix.

The new eight-part series is a spin-off of his 2020 film of the same name and, although it is set in the same universe as

of his 2020 film of the same name and, although it is set in the same universe as the movie, features a new plot and cast.

The film starred Matthew McConaughey, Colin Farrell and Hugh Grant – but none of them have returned to the franchise to appear in the TV series.

However, The White Lotus's Theo James leads the way in the telly series as Eddie Horniman, a soldier who unexpectedly finds himself saddled with a cannabis empire after inheriting his father's country estate and dukedom.

James is joined by a stellar supporting cast that includes the likes of Kaya Scodelario, Ray Winstone and Vinnie Jones, who previously worked with Ritchie on Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels and Snatch.

Talking about what

Snatch.
Talking about what it was like to re-team with Ritchie on the new

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series, Vinnie said: "I think he was warmed that I was on the set and I was warmed that we were reunited."

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And speaking at the premiere, Ritchie said adapting the film into a TV series "actually turned out to be easier than I anticipated".

"You feel that this could run and run," he added, "the characters take on their own life, all you have to do is establish a character and create their own voice, and then couple that with an actor and we're off to the races."

Many eyes will be on Joely Richardson, who plays Lady Sabrina, The Dowager Duchess of Halstead.

Joely has been topless

Joely has been topless and NUDE in previous roles. Here are a few...







ALL news is in Downing

"Gotcha!"

THE "Gotcha!" moment is getting really boring now.

All the TV channels are at it.
Reporters who can barely shave or are off their tits on lip balm soup and kale coffee, screaming into foam things clutched in their trembling millennial hands.

I'd have no problem with that if they weren't all in exactly the same place—ie, opposite the front door of No 10.
But that's the only place they are.
Somewhere they think they might make a name for themselves.
But they ought to look around—because there is so much shit going on in this country that nobody is reporting on, as local newspapers have been killed by the internet.

No problem, you might think—but I would urge you to think again.
The demise of local papers means a demise in your knowledge of who is doing what in your locality.

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Who's been up in magistrates, who's won the dog show, how the Sunday league got on, who's sadly died, who's left a will... and what that rapacious council has been up to.

Oh yes. The councils.

Never has a more shit system of local governance been more than happy with the disappearance of a press at least trying to keep them in check.

Now, they pretty much do what they want.

Hence "low traffic neighbourhoods". Cycle lanes nobody ever asked for. Ludicrous green insanity whose wobbly provenance we are no longer allowed to question.

And then there was the man who recently got accused of beating up, and drugging up, and sexually abusing, his wife and young kids.

He hadn't been, by the way.

But because someone "anonymous" filled in an online form to the cops and then pressed send, this is what happened next.

A cop car, all blues and yellows with lights on top, arrives at his house while he's out at work.

His wife and children are then subjected to a barrage of questions from someone who can barely string



a sentence together.

The police person then eventually buggers off but returns on Saturday night at around 7pm just as the family is about to tuck into their chippy tea.

When the innocent but accused man answered the door, he was told that if he hadn't, they'd have 'forced' entry.

But they didn't have to, because he invited them in, resolutely refused to give them a cup of tea, and asked what on earth – and why – they were there.

The accusations were that he had, and I quote, given his children "all the drugs, all the time", and that he "sexed them and everything".

Oh, and that he beat up his missus so often she looked like punch bag.

That was the point that the kids and the wife all burst out laughing and the embarrassed police person left.

left.

Allegations

But then the council's kindly social services sent a letter to the wife – not the husband – just to explain in black and white what those vile allegations were, and how they were no longer investigating them.

The complaint? It came from a "troubled" former schoolfriend of one the guy's children after they fell out in a playground spat.

And that was it.

And that was it.
That was enough for the prodnoses and the coppers to leap straight in.
Your money well spent, eh?

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Teen gunman clears beach at spring break

A TEENAGER pulled a gun during a fight on a packed beach then ran through the crowds holding the weapon. "He's got a gun!" people shouted as they scattered in different directions on New

directions on New Smyrna Beach, Florida. A deputy from the Volusia County Sheriff's office intervened and barked orders at the teenage gunman, then chased him while still ordering him to drop it, as other cops joined the foot pursuit and pushed back youngsters out enjoying the US spring break holiday.

Water

Water

The gunman – later identified as Felixander Solis-Guzman, 16 – ran into the water about knee-deep, where he stood for a few minutes. Bodycam footage shows law enforcement officers with their guns drawn, lined up along the beach.

Guzman finally dropped the gun in the water, and officers closed around him, but a deputy yelled for them to back up in case he had another gun. Solis-Guzman soon complied with officers' orders and surrendered with his hands up. He faces several charges including aggravated assault.

Black toes find during renovation

THE owner of a property undergoing renovations made a shock discovery when he unearthed human remains in his back garden with blackened "toes sticking out of the ground".

The gruesome find was made at a private home being offered for rent in Jacksonville, Florida.

The homeowner was doing yard work when he

uncovered the body.

A woman helping with
the home makeover and
working indoors at the working indoors at the time said the owner rushed inside, telling her to call the police. "I said OK. But I was shaken," she said. The woman, who did not wish to be identified, locality be said.

described seeing human feet protruding from the

ground in the yard.
"They were all black
and stuff. But I guess that was from decomposing," she said.

A Jacksonville County Sheriff's deputy came to the house and "observed

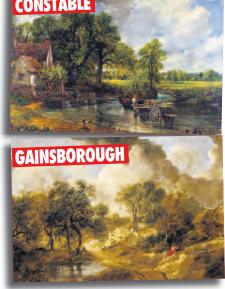
two feet sticking up out of the ground".

Cops are now trying to identify the body and find a cause of death.

<u>Pictures of English countryside can lead</u> to 'dark, nationalist feelings' say idiots

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LOOKING at paintings of the English countryside could turn you into a big RACIST, woke nitwits claim.

The Fitzwilliam Museum has suggested that paintings of the British countryside evoke dark

raintings of the British c
"nationalist feelings".

The museum, owned
Cambridge, has had an
overhaul of its displays,
in a move its director
insisted was not "woke".

Luke Syson said: "I'd
love to think there's a
way of telling these
larger, more inclusive
histories that doesn't
feel as if it requires a
push-back from those
who try to suggest any
interest at all in this
work is what would now
be called 'woke."

The new signage
states that pictures of
"rolling English hills"
can stir feelings of "pride
towards a homeland".

However, in a gallery
disnlaying a landscape

towards a homeland".
However, in a gallery displaying a landscape work by Constable, visitors are informed "there is a darker side" to the "nationalist feeling" evoked by images of the British countryside.
It states that this national sentiment comes with "the implication that only those with a historical tie to the land have a right to belong".

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Paintings at the Fitzwilliam have been reordered into themed

by the University of By BRIONY SEWELL news@sundaysport.co.uk

categories, in a shake-up the museum's director hopes will make their displays "inclusive and representative". Categories include

Categories include Men Looking at Women, Identity, Migration and Movement, and Nature, which includes English landscapes by Constable, Gainsborough and Palmer, and French scenes by Pissarro, Renoir, Monet

A sign for the Nature gallery states: "Landscape paintings were entangled with national identity.

"Paintings showing rolling English hills or lush French fields reinforced loyalty and pride towards a homeland."

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Mr Syson has insisted:
"Being inclusive and
representative should
not be controversial – it
should be enriching."









Dear Tess.

LAST week I was due to fly to Milan for a business meeting. As I checked in I clocked a stunning woman in a black dress and jacket, with long raven hair and fantastic breasts.

She beckoned me over and I was gobsmacked when, straight out, she asked in a thick Italian accent if I wanted "to f* "k". We hurried into a cubicle in the gents where she ripped her blouse open to reveal her fabulous melons and I soon had my gob round her nipples.

As I hitched up her skirt and fingered her dripping pussy she squeezed my balls and massaged my cock.

Then she quickly undid my flies and I rammed my throbbing manhood up her.

When we'd both climaxed she did herself up and walked off without a word. But I missed the flight and now I've been sacked – should I tell the wife?

NC, Wilts

Tess says...

TELL her you've had a rise – it's true! But don't mention the Italian job!

Dear Tess,

I RECENTLY asked my girlfriend if she was interested in dabbling with some "backdoor fun".

At first, she told me she had reservations, but finally agreed – on the understanding that we BOTH try it.

So now she wants to strap on a big, f**k-off dildo and do ME up the shitter, before she'll allow me to shag her bumhole.

I know it may seem like double standards, but I feel anal for women has become "the norm" between heterosexual couples, whereas for the man to receive "pegging" seems a little bit "abnormal" to me.

On a purely physical level I have no real problem doing it.

But my issue lies with if – or when – I ever finish with her, how much shit will I get from my mates down the pub if she ever tells them about our intimate anal frolics.

Please help!

AN, Bristol

Tess savs...

IF it's OK for her to take it up the arse, then it should be the same for you.

Sale of the sin-tury

Dear Tess,

I'M a salesman and I was I'M a salesman and I was out promoting goods in a supermarket last week when I caught the eye of a pretty female shop assistant.

We chatted a couple of times during the day and I noticed she was flirting quite openly with me – which was very flattering.

Then she sidled up to me at the end of the day and asked if I minded giving her a lift to the bus stop, just down the end of the road.

I agreed – thinking it would

the road.

I agreed – thinking it would at least give me the chance to get her phone number.

But I hadn't even switched on the ignition before she was trying to unzip my flies!

She tald me she know of a

She told me she knew of a quiet lane nearby, but when we

got there it was well-lit and we went into a field next to it – by which time she'd already slipped off her knickers.

which time sheat already slipped off her knickers.
 I got stuck into her and she clawed at my back with her long fingernails as I pumped long, hard and deep into her wet fanny.
 Later I took my muddy clothes to a launderette and washed them there.
 And I thought I'd got away with it but the next day my wife found the girl's undercrackers under the passenger seat in our car, and she kicked me out.
 Please help!
 IH, Kent

Tess says...

BEG for forgiveness you f**king idiot!

Dear Tess.

WE'RE a couple of babes in our late teens who love flashing our bodies.

We are both at college, doing beauty and hairdressing, and we travel there on the train

on the train.

And we really love to show off our knockers to any lads stood on the opposite platforms.

The other day some fella sat opposite us on the train and as usual we were both wearing extremely short skirts with no knickers on underneath.

skirts with no knickers on underneath.

There was no-one else in the carriage that morning so we told him to get his cock out and we started to play with our wet holes.

Bushes

He quickly shot up all over his pants before getting off at the next stop. That afternoon at college there was a discussion about pubic hair-shaping and the teacher encouraged us to go home that evening and try it out on our

As me and my pal are both completely shaven down below we roped in a few of our female mates and after a few jars at our local boozer we got them

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One girl had the most gorgeous pussy and she was dripping wet as we trimmed her bush into the shape of a heart.

feel a little confused

She didn't mind when we slipped our fingers up her crack, too, and started to frig her off.

Do you think we're both lesbian? TT and JK, Surrey

Tess savs...

NO - but you're certainly randy little minxes!

Dear Tess.

MY mate's sister is not a stunna but she's got huge tits – she must be 36FF. I was at a party a couple of weeks ago

and ended up pulling her, and we went back to my place where I wasted no time

I wrapped them around my throbbing cock and just as I was about to come she took me in her mouth and I exploded down her throat.

Later I was giving her hints that she should go when she made it clear she wanted me to knob her.

Sopping

Despite her ugly face, I managed to do as she asked – I just concentrated on her tits and it was quite a turn-on watching them wobble as I thrust into her sopping minge. But she now thinks we are going with

each other.

What should I do?

DD. Bristol

Tess says...

JUST be honest with her, and dump her,

My birthday treat with randy twins

Dear Tess,

I was dancing with my girlie mates when these twin hunks joined in.

I was pretty tipsy and I agreed to get the second sec

with them, where I sat between them and we had a

with them, where I sat between them and we had a great laugh together.

Then one of them asked if he could give me a cheeky birthday snog and I said yes.

And as he kissed me I felt a hand on my breast.

I opened my eyes and saw his brother having a feel—but I didn't object.

Then the one kissing me put his hand up my skirt and began stroking my pussy.

By that time we were all pretty horny so I said we should go somewhere more private.

They suggested their car, which was parked up at the back of the club. So we went outside and climbed in the back.

in the back.

Soon we were kissing and fondling. I took out one brother's cock and started to suck him off as the other fingered me.

fingered me.

I pointed my bum in the air and gobbled one while the other did me doggy-style.

Then we changed places, so the lad I'd been noshing could slip into me. And as he f**ked me, his brother guided his cock into my mouth and I blew him, too.

Soon, I howled as I orgasmed and he climaxed shortly after.

We've met up a few times since but one of the brothers wants us to get engaged.

We've met up a lew united states brothers wants us to get engaged.
I'd rather stay as we are. What do you say?

DG, Bristol

Tess says...

NO wonder! But if he's in love with you he won't like sharing,

Dear Tess.

MY insatiable girlfriend loves the idea of getting caught having sex, or while I'm licking out her fanny - in some public

toilets.
She's made me shag her and taste her juices in some cramped public places and I've enjoyed it.

One time we were in a fast food place and she dragged me to a cubicle in the bogs and dropped her little panties.

She left the cubicle door unlocked and as I was pumping away and fondling her tits about six people all tried to get in and caught us in the act.

Frigged

This seemed to turn her on no end and after I'd shot my load she sat on the bog, spread her legs and frigged herself off.

Now she wants to dress up as a naughty college girl, sneak in to the local university and get down to it in the toilets.

However, I'm worried that if we got caught we may be arrested.

I've tried to put her off but she's having none of it. She's even threatened to do it with a complete random, if I don't do it! How can I handle this

girl better? SF, South Yorks

Tess says...

YOU'RE right – it's just too risky. Ditch her now!





































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1. WHICH supermodel had her pet cats rescued by firefighters as her LA mansion was engulfed

- in flames?
 a) Twiggy
 b) Naomi Campbell
 c) Cara Delevingne
 d) Kate Moss

2. ELUSIVE artist Banksy confirmed he's behind a new mural which popped up overnight on the side of a building in north London. What is it of?

- a) A cock and balls b) A UFO
- c) A shamrock d) A tree

3. WHICH football team have been hit with a four-point deduction for breaking Premier League financial rules? a) Everton b) Nottingham Forest c) Manchester City d) Newcastle United

4. THE V&A museum has listed which former British Prime Minister as a "contemporary villain" alongside Adolf Hitler and Osama bin Laden?

- a) Margaret Thatcher b) Tony Blair c) Boris Johnson d) Edward Heath

- 5. FANS were left "speechless" after which pop star sang in Punjabi for the first time ever at a

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concert in India during the latest leg of his tour? a) Robbie Williams

- b) Tom Jones
- c) Harry Styles d) Ed Sheeran
- 6. WHERE were Prince William and Princess Kate spotted out and about at the weekend?

- a) Farm shop b) B&Q c) Wetherspoons d) Farmfoods

7. WHO is reportedly being offered the role of James Bond after Daniel James Bond arter Daniel Craig announced he would be stepping down? a) Jason Statham b) Aaron Taylor-Johnson c) Idris Elba d) Charles Haughtrey

- 8. WHO scored the last-

- gasp winner for Manchester United as they knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup in a 4-3 thriller at Old Trafford? a) Bruno Fernandes b) Scott McTominay c) Amad Diallo d) Russell Beardsmore

- 9. HOW much did Sharron
- Osbourne reportedly earn per MINUTE of screentime in the *Big Brother* house?
- a) £7 b) £70 c) £700 d) £7,000

10. WHICH 80s and 90s TV comedy icon revealed he is recovering from a stroke he had just six weeks ago? a) Les Dennis b) Russ Abbott c) Bobby Davro d) Duncan Norvelle

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Q&A on Forest's points problem

NOTTINGHAM Forest have been docked four points for breaching Premier League financial rules.

The ruling drops the club into the relegation

zone, leaving them 18th with nine games to play. Here, *Midweek Sport* takes a closer look at the matter.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

Forest have had four points taken off their Premier League total by an independent commission, which drops them into the relegation zone. The club admitted breaching the league's profitability and sustainability rules (PSR).

WHAT ARE THE PSR?

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These are the regulations governing a club's maximum permitted losses. Normally clubs can lose up to £105million over the three-year assessment period without being in breach, but this is reduced by £22m per season when a club is in the Championship. In Forest's case, the maximum they were allowed to lose was £61m over the assessment period.

HOW MUCH ABOVE THAT LIMIT WERE FOREST?

The club were found to be £34.5million over the threshold. The written threshold. The written reasons published on Monday show the Premier League was pushing for a six-point deduction – eight points to reflect Forest's excess was 77 per cent greater than Everton's broach in 2004 32, but breach in 2021-22, but with two discounted for Forest's early plea and

exceptional co-operation. WHAT WAS FOREST'S

ARGUMENT?

Forest relied on various points in their defence, but their "golden mitigation" was the timing of the sale of Brennan Johnson to Tottenham for £47.5million. Had this coursel before the end of occurred before the end of the assessment period on June 30, 2023 they would not have been in breach. however the player did not leave until September 1, the day the summer 2023 transfer window closed.

The commission said the decision not to sell until so late in the window "flies in the face of mitigation" and rejected all other mitigation except for the early plea and cooperation.

WHAT HAVE FOREST

SAID?

Forest issued a strongly-worded statement indicating they would appeal. The club said they were "extremely dismayed by the tone and content of the Premier League's submissions" to the commission which had "harmed the trust and confidence we had in the confidence we had in the

confidence we had in the Premier League".

The appeal outcome must be known prior to June 1 under 'standard directions' for PSR breaches agreed by clubs last summer, which are designed to be completed within the same season as a charge is laid.

IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT THE BOTT Club 'dismayed' **NOTTINGHAM Forest** By PAUL THOMAS

'extremely dismayed" to have been docked four points for breaching Premier League financial rules.

The deduction drops Forest into the Premier League's relegation zone, leaving them 18th with nine games to play.

Midweek Sport understands

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Forest will now take time to consider
their next steps, including the
potential to appeal.

The Premier League said Forest
admitted breaching profitability and
sustainability rules (PSR) by
£34.5million above their permitted
threshold of £61million.

Clubs are usually allowed
maximum losses of £105million over
a three-year assessment period but
this is reduced by £22m per season
for any seasons within the period

spent in the Championship. Forest are unhappy about the Premier's League's submission to the independent commission, which imposed the sanction, and claim trust in the governing body has now been eroded after it initially pushed for an pright neight deduction.

been eroded after it initially pushed for an eight-point deduction.

A club statement read: "We were extremely dismayed by the tone and content of the Premier League's submissions before the commission.

"After months of engagement with the Premier League, and exceptional cooperation throughout, this was unexpected and has harmed the trust and confidence we had in the Premier League.

Premier League.

"That the Premier League sought a sanction of eight points as a starting point was utterly disproportionate when compared to

the nine points that their own rules prescribe for insolvency."

The commission which imposed the sanction noted Forest's breach was "serious" and stated in its conclusion: "The four points sanction is not to punish Forest so much as it is to be fair to the other clubs; to give the public confidence that when a club invests as Forest did to compete in the Premier League, it still needs to comply with the PSR threshold for losses."

Integrity

The commission ruling added: "When a club like Forest took the risk of effectively ignoring the PSR warning from its finance director before the January window in 2023, and rather than looking to sell players, it added players to its squad, ultimately leaving itself with just two weeks to sell Player A (Brennan Johnson) in the summer 2023

window, such risk taking and 'sailing close to the wind needs a proportionate sanction to maintain the integrity of the Premier League."

Everton were docked 10 points in November for breaching PSR in the period up to the 2021-22 season, which was reduced to six on appeal. A second complaint against the Toffees over a breach up to last season is still being dealt with.

The ruling shows the Premier

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League pushed for a six-point
sanction – with eight points as an
initial figure to account for Forest's
excess over the threshold being 77
per cent greater than Everton's,
but discounted by two points to
reflect Forest's early plea and cooperation.

operation. Forest's defence was centred around the sale of Brennan Johnson to Tottenham on the final day of the 2023 transfer window, which occurred a short period later than

OM OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE



necessary. The commission said necessary. The commission said such an event could only have been described as a near miss "if it was truly near to the PSR deadline (June 30, 2023) or at the first available reasonable opportunity proximate to the deadline".

But Forest hit back, saying the ruling will make it impossible for newly-promoted clubs to compete in the league.

The statement added: "Whilst

in the league.

The statement added: "Whilst the Premier League may have called into question the club's business plan, the club maintains it responsibly balanced compliance with PSR with investment into the squad to give us the ability to compete in the league for the first time in over 20 years.

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the tone and content of the Premier League's submissions before the commission. "Even after the club had missed

the PSR reporting deadline, it still

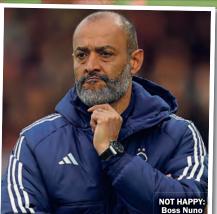
the PSR reporting deadline, it still took steps to ensure Brennan Johnson was sold before the end of the transfer window. That was a clear demonstration of our respect and support for PSR.
"The commission's decision raises issues of concern for all aspirant clubs. The player transfer market is a highly specialised trading environment that cannot be compared to the sale of normal

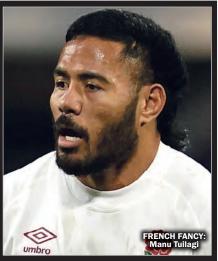
trading environment that cannot be compared to the sale of normal products and services.

"There will be occasions when a player transfer cannot be completed in the first half of a transfer window and can only be completed at the end of that window.

"This should not be a reason for the condemnation of a club. For this not, to be recognised by the

not to be recognised by the commission or the Premier League should be a matter of extreme concern for all fans of our national





Tuilagi calls time on Red Rose career

RUGBY UNION

MANU Tuilagi has played his final game for England after agreeing to join

French club Bayonne next season in a two-year-deal. Tuilagi will depart Sale in June with the outcome of a medical the last hurdle before the move is finalised.

The 32-year-old centre won his 60th cap in Saturday's 33-31 defeat by France in Lyon after coming on as a replacement for Henry Slade in the 59th minute.

Rugby Football Union regulations mean that any player leaving the Gallagher Premiership becomes ineligible for international selection.

Tuilagi has been an automatic pick in the midfield for four England coaches due to the power he provides on both sides of the ball.

or the ball.

However, his career has been heavily interrupted by a number of serious injuries including groin, chest, hamstring, knee and a broken hand.

Had he been fit for every match since his debut in 2011. he would have

amassed 156 caps. Ollie Lawrence's rampaging performance against France, which included two tries, suggests England have finally found his successor as a hard running centre but Tuilagi's unique physicality means he will

never be truly replaced.

Bayonne are ninth in the
Top 14 table and the move is expected to be officially

confirmed this week.

Danny Care will take stock before deciding on his international future after contributing to an encouraging Guinness Six Nations for England.

Care won his 101st cap as a replacement in Saturday's agonising defeat by France in Lyon that saw a long-range penalty by Thomas Ramos seize victory for Les Bleus in the final minute. The 37-year-old provided



NEW DEAL: Danny Care

cover for Alex Mitchell throughout the championship and deputised in the starting XV when England's firstchoice scrum-half was injured for the defeat by Scotland in round three. Now one of the most

exciting players in English rugby is facing a crossroads moment as he crossidate infinent as he nears the end of his Test career while yet to agree a new contract for next season with Harlequins.

"It's 101 and still not out at the moment! I'm out at the moment: I'm going to go home and assess and speak to the family. I've not made big decisions yet," Care said. "But I've loved being a part of this team. I genuinely have. The past year yes, but narticularly.

year yes, but particularly the past seven weeks in this Six Nations have been some of my favourite times in an England shirt. "The result against

Ireland was an unbelievable feeling, I thought we were going to do it again and maybe

surpass it against France.
"The icing on the cake
would have been another win but it wasn't to be. But I've never been prouder to wear an England shirt.

"If it had all finished a couple of years ago it would have been a bit meh, a bit rubbish, so I'm delighted with how the last year has gone," he added.

- WEDNESDAY
 F00TBALL: Women's
 Champions League
 quarter-finals, Hacken v
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- 1745, Brann v Barcelona
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 Catalunya Eurosport 2
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 Eurosport 2 1535.
 GOLF: DP World Tour,
 Porsche Singapore
 Classic Sky Sports Main
 Event, Sky Sports Golf
 5500.
- SNOOKER: World Open -Eurosport 1 0630-0930, Eurosport 1 1130–1430.
- 1130-1430. TENNIS: Miami Open Sky Sports Main Event & Sky Sports Tennis 1500. CURLING: Curling World Championships, Switzerland v Scotland Women — Eurosport 1 1700.
- 1700.

 BASKETBALL: NBA, Boston
 Celtics v Milwaukee
 Bucks TNT Sports 1
 2330.

THURSDAY

- FOOTBALL: Euro 2024 play-off semi-final, Wales v Finland S4C
- CRICKET: Second women Zealand v England — TNT Sports 1 2330; First Test,
- Sports 1 2330. First Test. Bangladesh v Sri Lanka—
 TNT Sports 1 0345 (Fri).

 CYCLING: Tour Of Catalunya Eurosport 2 1400. Bruges—De Panne —
 Eurosport 2 1535.

 GOLF: DP World Tour,
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 1800-2200.
 MOTOR RACING Australian
 Grand Prix first practice —
 Sky Sports F1 0100 (Fri).
 SNOOKER: World Open —
 Eurosport 1 0630-0930 &
- Eurosport 1 1130-1430. TENNIS: Miami Open
- TENNIS: Miami Open Sky Sports Main Event. Sky Sports Tennis 1500– 1900, 2300–2300. URLING: Curting World Championships. Turkey v Scotland Women Eurosport 1 1700. DARTS: Premier League Darts Sky Sports Main Event. Sky Sports Action 1900.
- 1900. Basketball: NBA.
- Orlando Magic v New Orleans Pelicans TNT Sports 2 2300.

- FOOTBALL: International routball: International friendlies, Netherlands v Scotland — Viaplay Sports 1 1945, Romania v Northern Ireland —
- Northern Ireland Viaplay Sports (tbc). CRICKET: Second Test, Bangladesh v Sri Lanka TNT Sports 1 0345 (Sat). RUGBY UNION: Gallagher Premiership, Leicester v Gloucester TNT Sports 1
- CYCLING: F3 Harelheke
- CYCLING: E3 Harelbeke Classic Eurosport 2 1300. Tour of Catalunya Eurosport 2 1530. 60LF: DP World Tour. Porsche Singapore Classic Sky Sports Golf 0600–1000: PGA Tour. Vatspar Championship Sky Sports Main Event. Sky Sports Golf 1130– 1430. Sky Sports Golf 1800.
- MOTOR RACING: Australian Grand Prix second practice Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Fl 0445. Third practice Sky Sports F1 0110 (Sat). SNOOKER: World Open Eurosport 2 0630. Eurosport 1 1130. ETNNIS: Miami Open Sky Sports Main Event. Sky Sports Tennis 1500. CURLING: Curling World Championships, Canada v Scotland Women MOTOR RACING: Australian

- Eurosport 1 1700. BASKETBALL: NBA esota Timberwolves

TNT Sports 2 0000 (Sat)

SATURDAY

 FOOTBALL: International riendies, Republic of Ireland v Belgium — Viaplay Sports 2 1700, England v Brazil — Channel 4 1800; Sky Bet League Two, Mansfield v Colchester — Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Football 1200, Stockport v MK Dons — Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Football 1700: Women's Super League, Man City v Man Utd — BBC One 1215.

- CRICKET: Third women's T20 international, New T20 international, New Zealand v England — TNT Sports 1 1130. Bangladesh v Sri Lanka, first Test — TNT Sports 1 0345 (Sun).
- RUGBY UNION: Gallagher RUBBY UNIUM: battagner Premiership, Saracens v Harlequins — ITV, TNT Sports 1 1430; Women's Six Nations, Wales v Scotland — BBC Two 1630. • CYCLING: Tour of Catalunya — Eurosport 2 1500.
- 1500.
- GOLF: DP World Tour, Porsche Singapore Classic — Sky Sports Golf 0600; PGA Tour, Valspar Sports Golf 1145. Fir Hills Seri Pak Championship — Sky Sports Golf 2200. • MOTOR RACING: Australian
- Grand Prix qualifying Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports F1 0415. SNOOKER: World Open -
- Eurosport 2 0600, Eurosport 1 1130. TENNIS: Miami Open
- Sky Sports Tennis 1500, Sky Sports Main Event
- Sky Spore . 1945. CURLING: Curling World Championships — Eurosport 1 2000. • HORSE RACING: Live
- racing ITV4 1310. BASKETBALL: NBA, New
- York Knicks v Brooklyn Nets TNT Sports 2 1700.

SUNDAY

- FOOTBALL: Women's Super League, West Ham v Chelsea — Sky Sports Premier League 1600, Sky Sports Main Event 1630. Aston Villa v Arsenal -Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Premier League 1830; Sky Sports Cup, Rangers Women v Partick Thistle Women — Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Football 1300.
- RUGBY UNION: Galla PRUGBY UNION: Gallagher Premiership, Bath v Sale — TNT Sports 1 1430. Women's Six Nations, Italy v England — BBC Two
- CYCLING: Gent-Wevelgem - Eurosport 2 1500. • GOLF: DP World Tour,
- Porsche Singapore
 Classic Sky Sports Golf
 0600; PGA Tour, Valspar
 Championship Sky
 Sports Golf 1145.
 MOTOR RACING: Australian
- Grand Prix Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports F1
- SNOOKER: World Open -
- SNOUKER: World Open Eurosport 2 0600–0900, Eurosport 2 1130–1430. TENNIS: Miami Open Sky Sports Main Event 2130. CURLING: Curling World
- Championships Eurosport 1 2000. BASKETBALL: NBA, Los Angeles Clippers v Philadelphia 76ers — TNT Sports 1 1930 Milwauke Bucks v Oklahoma City Thunder — TNT Sports 1 2300.

TOP TIPS FOR ALL TODAY'S RACING



By MIKE FRANCIS

PRAIRIE WOLF can build on his impressive win last time out when returning to action in the Maximum Eco For **Biotechnology Novices' Limited Handicap Chase** at Haydock.

at Haydock.

Although up 7lb for that Catterick victory, the ground will again be to his liking and he can make it a quickfire double for Sue Smith and Nick Scholfield.

The seven-year-old also gave a good account of himself in a Class Two race at Cheltenham in January when fourth to Ginny's Destiny, who went on to only be beaten narrowly by Grey be beaten narrowly by Grey Dawning in the Grade One Turners at the Festival.

Victory

He is 13lb higher than when winning his maiden chase at Doncaster in mid-December but should have enough in the tank to make

enough in the tank to make it three from five over the bigger obstacles overall.

Ali Star Bert can make it a hat-trick when stepping up in class and distance in the Greyland 25th Anniversary Handicap Chase.

The eight-year-old has just a 3lb rise to contend with from a recent victory over three miles at Wetherby and is only 7lb higher than for a Southwell victory earlier last

NICK SCHOFIELD

month, while travelling an extra half a mile on ground he favours will suit.

Shantou Moon can get back to winning ways in the Maximum Eco For Sustainability Handicap

He was narrowly beaten into third at Catterick at the into third at Catterick at the end of last month when held up and is on the same mark as that race, while only 4lb higher than when a neck second to the fast-finishing Champ Royal at the same

course.
On ground he relishes,

Legend can

the

Accidental

hottom from the bottom of the handicap, Shantou Moon can add to his January victory at

the North Yorkshire venue for Tristan Davidson and Harry Reed.

edge Fergal O'Brien closer to a century of wins in the Discover What's Trending At

Rhino.Bet Casino Handicap Hurdle at Market Rasen.

O'Brien will be keen to get out of the nervous nineties as soon as possible and the seven-year-old can go one better than when a blunder at the final obstacle saw him

Karl Burke's colt created a huge impression when romping home by nine lengths on his racecourse bow in mid-December and big things are expected of him as a three-year-old.

Isle of Sark can return to the winner's enclosure for the first time in nearly four years in the BetUK. It's Where The UK Bets Handicap. Handicap.
Jamie Osborne's six-year-

concede victory to Burrows Hall at Catterick late last month. That followed on from

That followed on from another second-place finish at Chepstow but the drop back in trip to just under three miles can help him rediscover his winning form.

On the all-weather at Southwell, all eyes will be on Night Raider in the opening

Night Raider in the opening Boost Your Acca At BetMGM Novice Stakes. Karl Burke's colt created a

Jamie Usbornes six-year-old has got progressively better on the all-weather and can learn from consecutive second place finishes to go one better under the trainer's daughter Saffie.

SELECTIONS

HAYDOCK: 2.15 Golden Maverick, 2.45 AIRIE WOLF (NAP), 3.15 PRAIRIE WULF (NAF), 3.15
Dameofthecotswolds, 3.50 Ali Star Bert,
4.25 Yealand, 5.00 Shantou Moon.
MARKET RASEN: 2.00 Zara's Universe,

MARKEI RASEN: 2.00 Zara's Universe, 2.30 Glimpse Of Glory, 3.00 Theformismighty, 3.30 Pougne Aminta, 4.05 Accidental Legend, 4.40 Biltytherealbigred, 5.15 Heros De Moutiers, SOUTHWELL: 5.30 Night Raider, 6.00 Jama Maite, 6.30 Caldwell, 7.00 Isle Of Sark, 7.30 Berkshire Phantom, 8.00 Toptime, 8.30 Master of Combat.



LIVERPOOL midfielder Harvey Elliott believes their challenge for the Premier League and in **Europe will benefit from** a disappointing FA Cup to Manchester exit United as it will free up space in the calendar.

The 20-year-old tried to put a positive spin on their chaotic 4-3 extra-time quarter-final defeat at Old Trafford by suggesting it will allow them extra days

will allow them extra days for recovery.

Manager Jurgen Klopp admitted in the aftermath of defeat it was the first time he had seen his players struggle physically as they played their 46th game of a season which has at least another 12 fixtures and potentially more if they get past Atalanta in the Europa League's last eight.

right.

The cup exit equates to, at most, only two fewer games

By PAUL THOMAS

but it does mean their league match at Fulham scheduled for April 20 will not be shunted into midweek, especially as the club still have a Merseyside derby at Goodison Park to fit in.

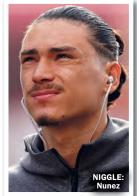
"Now we can focus on other things, it frees up a few weeks for us," said Elliott, who came off the bench to put Liverpool 3-2 up in extra time.

"Not as many games any more so the lads can be fresh and we can recover properly and focus on the rest of the season."
The defeat was only

Liverpool's third in domestic competition this season, and of the two they lost in Europe one was a dead dead rubber nion Saint-

one was a dead rudder against Union Saint-Gilloise.

However, while it was a blow, especially losing to their arch-rivals, Elliott insists the players will not allow it to put a dent in their



ambitions for the rest of the

"Our confidence is always there, it isn't going to affect us at all," he added. "Yeah, we're going to be annoyed that we didn't win

but we're going away with internationals now, so we can forget about it and come back after the break fresh again ready to crack down and fight for the rest of the

'Confidence-wise it's not going to do anything to us because we had the game in our hands, had many chances but just didn't put them away

Situation

"It's always going to be there and we just need to keep going as a team though the games." Klopp has seen enough of

Knop has seen enough of his squad, especially some of their comebacks this season to snatch late victories, to be confident they will not allow the setback to derail them when they return at home to Brighton and Hove Albion on March 31. "We've played football for

ages and you lose games – if that always leads to a mental state or situation where you

 $need\ help\dots it \'s\ just\ a\ normal$

need neip... It's just a normal thing," he said.

"We all fail on a daily basis, maybe without even recognising it – we just get along with it.

"I got the question already (about) what kind of reaction Leynert new."

"Nothing, they go to their countries and I hope they come back and have nothing (injury-wise) and then we think about Brighton when

they come back.
"In general the team is in

an outstanding street the moment. "That we got through all of these different, difficult integrations is absolutely these different situations is exceptional."

Striker Darwin Nunez is understood to have pulled out of Uruguay's squad for friendlies against the Basque Country and Ivory Coast in France as a precaution after reporting a hamstring problem he picked up during the Old Trafford defeat.

- 1. Where did Dame Laura Kenny win her first Olympic gold medal?
- 2. Who overcame a final-round five-shot deficit on Sunday to become the first golfer to defend the Players Championship at Sawgrass?
- 3. How many grand slam singles titles has world number one women's tennis player 4. England full-back
- George Furbank plays for which rugby union club?
- 5. Who defeated Novak Djokovic in last year's men's singles Wimbledon final?
- 6. In which year did Coventry win the FA Cup for the only time?
- 7. How many Formula 1 world drivers' titles did Avrton Senna win? 8. Which football club has won the Women's Champions League a record eight times?
- 9. England's Freya Colbert became a world champion this year in which sport?
- 10. Manchester City have set a new record for reaching successive FA Cup semi-finals. How many?
- 11. Wayne Rooney has managed which three clubs?
- 12. Who is Ireland's most capped rugby union international?
- 13. Which Hundred team are based at Emirates Old Trafford?
- 14. Scottish curler Rhona Martin was Team GB's flag-bearer at which Winter Olympics?
- 15. Which WSL team play their home games at Prenton Park?
- 16. Anthony McGrath is the head coach of which first-class
- 17. Who is the youngest player to compete at the Ryder Cup?
- 18. What nationality is snooker world champion Luca Brecel?
- 19. Alex Yee and Beth Potter will compete in which sport at this summer's Olympics in
- 20. Steve McNamara coaches which Super League side?

IP POWERS UP FOR 50TH CAP

has a lot more to achieve in football as he prepares to

become the youngest Welshman to win 50 caps. Ampadu is set to break Chris Gunter's record at the tender age of 23 in Thursday's Euro 2024 play-off semi-final against Finland in Cardiff.

The versatile Leeds player, who can operate at centreback or in midfield, will reach the 50-cap milestone at the same age as Wayne Rooney and Michael Owen.

Everyone wants to try and achieve it as quickly as they

By JOHN ANTHONY

can," said Ampadu, who made his Wales debut against France as a 17-year-old in

"Whether that was by the time I was 23 or 28, just to achieve the milestone itself is a massive achievement. I'm not really too interested

on how quick you can do it.
"I'm still young but I've experienced a lot, which I'm very grateful for.
"I'm hoping I've still got a

long way to go in the game and I can achieve a lot more.

"It's just nice to hopefully reach the milestone, but it's more important we get to the Euros. That's massive.

"I would probably enjoy that more, especially that feeling as a squad, and as fans we all deserve that." Ampadu was identified as a future Wales player while

a future Wales player while still a schoolboy studying for GCSEs in his home city of Exeter, qualifying for the Dragons through his Welshborn mother Wendy.

He was capped by England at Under-16 level, but insists he always felt Welsh growing

Bale and company ahead of Wales reaching the semi-

Bale and company ahead of Wales reaching the semifinals of Euro 2016.

Ampadu said: "My dad took me up to the Vale (Wales' training base) and I remember that drive. I was a very nervous young boy.

"The first person I met was Ben Davies, he said 'hello' and we had a short conversation.

"He might not remember it, but he made it very easy and

but he made it very easy and it was very warming. "Just that initial 'hello' and

'how are you?' settling for me." was quite



ANSWERS: I. London 2012; 2. Scottile Scheller; 3. Four; 2. Scottile Scheller; 3. Four; 3. Scottile Scheller; 3. Four; A. North, 3. Scheller; 3. Four; 8. Lyon; 9. Scheller; 3. Four; 8. Lyon; 9. Scheller; 3. Four; 8. Lyon; 9. Four; 9. Four; 8. Lyon; 9. Four; 9. Orbisol; 1.3. Manchester 1.5. Live ploof; 1.6. Eesex; 1.7. 5. Scottiler; 1.8. Belgian; 9. Scottiler; 1.8. Belgian; 9. Scottiler; 1.8. Belgian; 9. Pour; 1.8. Belgian;

- 1898: The first recorded international crosscountry race took place at Ville d'Avray near Paris, England beat the hosts over a nine-mile course.
- 1915: Former **England** and Yorkshire cricketer Norman Yardlev was born. He captained his country 14 times
- 1926: Scotland beat **England at** Twickenham for the first time. The score was 17-9, and they went on to share that season's Five **Nations** championship with Ireland.
- 1938: The BBC televised its first rugby match when it covered the Calcutta Cup game between England and Scotland at Twickenham. Scotland won 21-16.
- 1990: Russian goalkeeper Lev Yashin died at the age of 60. He won 78 Soviet Union caps between 1952 and

1972.

- 1992: Aldershot FC. declared bankrupt in the high court on March 18, played their last Football League game and lost 2-0 away to Cardiff. The club was the first since **Accrington Stanley** in 1962 to withdraw from the league during the season.
- 2001: West Indies' Courtney Walsh became the first bowler to take 500 Test wickets when he dismissed South Africa batter Jacque Kallis in the second Test in Trinidad.
- 2007: England fined bowling coaches Kevin Shine and Jeremy Snape for their involvement in a late-night drinking session with players at the World Cup in St Lucia.
- 2012: Lionel Messi became Barcelona's all-time leading goalscorer after netting a hat-trick against Granada to surpass Cesar Rodriguez's mark of 232
- 2013: Former **England striker** Michael Owen announced he would retire at the end of
- the season. 2016: Marcus Rashford scored the winner in his first Manchester derby as United beat City 1-0 at the Etihad Stadium.



MAN United's FA Cup hero Amad Diallo is prepared to be patient in order to get his chance at the club.

chance at the club.

The 21-year-old, in only his fourth appearance of the season, came off the bench to score a dramatic winner deep into stoppage time at the end of extra time to make it 4-3 against Livernool

time to make it 4-3 against Liverpool.

Amad spent last season on loan at Sunderland in the Championship, having previously had six months at Rangers. He has only made a total of 13 United appearances with his last start coming in May 2021, following his move from Atalanta.

But he is prepared to be patient as he waits for more chances at first-team level.

"It was important for me to go on

"It was important for me to go on loan to get more confidence and

By PAUL THOMAS

experience, so now I am at Manchester United," said Amad, who was sent off for a second bookable offence after removing his shirt in celebration

after removing his shirt in celebration.
"I am very happy to stay here and every game for me is like a Champions League final. To score the final goal is so important for me.
"I believe in myself. I train hard every day and waited for my chance. The manager believes in me.
"I am on the bench but every time I am ready to come in and fight for the team. If I score for the team, then I am very happy."
"I wait for my chance and whether I start or I am on the bench it is important for me to be ready every time."

The goal was only Amad's second in United colours, his first coming in

Europa League draw with AC lilan two years ago.
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And the joy of scoring the winner against his team's arch-rivals meant the Ivory Coast international was unable to rein in his celebrations in front of the Stretford End, resulting in his sending-off.
"I forgot the first yellow – but it was important we won, so I am very happy," he added.

Chance

"It was an unbelievable day for me.

"It was an unbelievable day for me. I want to celebrate this moment with my family and the fans, who supported us all game.
"It is very special for me because it was my dream to play for Manchester United. I was in Sunderland last season and I came here to wait for my chance.
"To score my second goal for United was very important for me."

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Manchester United skipper Bruno

Fernandes is determined to end a poor season on a high.

Diallo's strike sparked wild celebrations and secured an FA Cup semi-final against Coventry, breathing new life into a season that had threatened to go into a tailspin.

Asked if he had ever seen scenes like that at Old Trafford before, captain Fernandes said: "I think the last year probably against Liverpool, it was the turnaround of last season

it was the turnaround of last season and kind of the same.
"Today the game got a little bit spicy, a little more special because it's an FA Cup game and if you lose, you're out.

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"We know the rivalry between fans, we know how United fans wanted us to win the game to give us something to celebrate because it's not been great for us."

The key victory Fernandes referenced came in August 2022 after Ten Hag began his United reign



with defeats to Brighton and Brentford.

That season ended up with Carabao Cup glory, reaching the FA Cup final and a third-placed league finish and the Dutchman hopes Sunday can be the turning point after several false dawns as they look to chase down a Champions League finish.

"We've talked about turnarounds but have never done the next step," Fernandes said. "But I think we have to understand the FA Cup is a thing and the Premier League is another one.

"In the league now, we have 10

"In the league now, we have 10 matches to go and we don't depend on ourselves but as we saw Tottenham losing points to Fulham, Villa losing points to West Ham. "But our main goal is to not lose points to Brentford away.

We need to put our effort into winning that game."

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Fifth could prove enough for Champions League qualification as sixth-placed United look to reelinAstonVilla and Tottenham, while the FA Cup offers a chance to top it off in glorious fashion.

Respect

Cheers were heard from suites around Old Trafford when Coventry were drawn rather than Manchester City or Chelsea

but there is little chance of semi-final complacency. "Obviously we're playing a Championship team and not a Premier League team, but Premier League team, bu Wolves went out against them, Fernandes said.

"We don't want to compare ourselves with Wolves but we have to respect every team that

comes here because I remember

comes here because I remember two seasons ago we went out against Middlesbrough at home. "We have to respect them, give them the respect they deserve and give our best performance, as we did against Liverpool and with the same mentality."

Fernandes epitomised that approach, filling in at centreback — a role he said he used to play as a kid — and playing through a dead leg as his remarkable record of availability continued.

"It's not proud, I just have to be grateful for my father and my mum because they made me the right way, the strong way," the Portugal playmaker said.

"They've been here for the last

two games and they give me that extra energy. With my kids and my wife, they always take care of me."



Two Hearts stoppers in Euro fight

PAUL Gallacher revealed how Zander Clark and Craig Gordon are pushing each other to new heights as he backed the Hearts goalkeepers to go to Euro 2024 with Scotland.

Clark and Gordon are both with Steve Clarke's squad for friendlies against Netherlands and

against Netherlands and Northern Ireland, alongside keepers Angus Gunn of Norwich and Motherwell's Liam Kelly. The Scotland boss has said that - barring injury three of those four will go to the Euros, and Hearts goalkeeping coach Gallacher would be "immensely proud" if he is waving both of his main men off to Germany. men off to Germany.

"They've both worked ever so hard to get to where they are, both for different reasons," the former Scotland goalkeeper said.

"It's a privilege to work with them and I truly hope they both go to the Euros."

Gordon, 41, was the undisputed number one for both Scotland and Hearts prior to sustaining a career-threatening double

career-threatening double leg break 15 months ago. Clark took the gloves at Tynecastle after Gordon's injury and has held on to them since the veteran returned to contention.

The 31-year-old former St Johnstone keeper has kept 14 clean sheets in 30 league matches this term and also won his first three Scotland caps in the first half of the season.

Gallacher has been impressed with how both men have dealt with their respective challenges ove the past year and a bit. "Craig's back, he's

absolutely back," said the goalie coach. "You see him make saves every day in training and you just go 'yep, that's him back'.

He's got himself into a fantastic condition, he's fantastic condition, he's back to where he was before the injury. He's top-notch, he's world class at times, he really is. "Obviously he's not

getting any younger but he keeps on pushing, and I think that's pushing

VITAL WIN: Ten Hag



NO2: Gordon

Zander on as well. You can see the level Zander's hit. From where he was to where he is now is night

and day.

"He was a good
goalkeeper when he first
came to the club but he has kicked on under

severe pressure.
"Not a lot of folk could cope with that pressure of coming in to replace Craig, a Hearts legend, but he's stood up and done it, which is no easy feat. That cannot be underestimated.

"There has been

"Inere has been pressure but they've dealt with it brilliantly."
Gunn appears to have become Scotland's first-choice since Gordon's injury, but Gallacher is addentited by the but bether the second of the second o adamant both Hearts goalies would be equipped

to play.
"I know from working "I Know from working closely with them how the two of them can handle occasions," said Gallacher, who won eight Scotland

caps. "Zander, the way he's playing, could handle it no problem at all. And Craig, with the number of caps he's got, could be pitched in no problem at all. "I know it might come

across as biased but I'd have no qualms at all about either of them being

in that starting line-up." Gallacher laughed off any notion that their mutual determination to play for club and country might have had a detrimental effect on the relationship between Gordon and Clark.

"They're brilliant. honestly, there is no animosity whatsoever," he said. "They're great guys, brilliant to be around.

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